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ME TO RESPOND TO YOUR CABLE OF AUGUST 27 IN WHICH YOU  
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TO THE RHODESIAN CRISIS WHICH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT,  
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AND IMPARTIALLY SUPERVISED ELECTIONS, IN WHICH ALL

ZIMBABWEANS WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE, AS  
THE CULMINATING EVENT OF THE TRANSITION FROM MINORITY TO  
MAJORITY RULE. I HAVE READ WITH INTEREST AND SATISFACTION,  
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MEETING IN WHICH YOU HAVE ENCOURAGED ZIMBABWEANS TO  
SUPPORT THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS. SINCERELY, RICHARD  
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